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UNCLE SAM'S BIRTHDAY

NEW FAIR BUILDINGS

SOON TO BE STARTED—SEVERAL ADDITIONS TO OLD BUILDINGS TO BE MADE.

Promises to be Best Fair

Ever Held in County—Much Enthusiasm Being Manifested—President Much Elated.

President G. L. Tarbell of the Columbia County Fair Association, in conversation with a Mist representative this week, showed himself to be very much elated over the interest being shown by the people, not only in this part of the county, but from farmers on the border sides, in the coming county fair, receiving requests every day for premium lists, being encouraged by this manifestation. "We hope to hold the best fair that it has been the pleasure of our people to enjoy, and no stone will be left unturned, no obstacle too large to surmount to accomplish this end," stated Mr. Tarbell.

The county fair premium lists are now in the hands of the fair officials and are being mailed out as fast as possible to those who have made requests for them. After a perusal of the list, a pamphlet of sixteen pages, besides the cover, tends to show that the \$1500 and more will be expended so that every person has an opportunity of making some kind of an exhibit and will be well recompensed for any extra trouble or labor.

No better advertisement can the farmer or stock raiser get than to place his product or stock or anything else on exhibit, which will be examined and observed by hundreds of people daily.

A contract will soon be let by President Tarbell for the construction of a school exhibit building, adjoining the women's exposition building on the west. The structure will be of rustic design, 32 feet wide and 70 feet long. A large addition will be made to the poultry building, and several other exhibit buildings will receive their share of remodeling and improvements.

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

Next Week—Nothing of Any Great Importance Expected to be Brought Up.

No cases of importance have been filed to be heard before Judge J. A. Eakin in the district court, commencing Tuesday, July 6th. The grand jury has been called to re-assemble for the purpose of acting in the case of two men, who are now lodged in the county jail, for burglarizing a residence.

On the 6th the case of Columbia County for O. B. Bennett vs. Consolidated Contract Company et al., is booked. The following day the case of S. Plymale vs. City of Rainier. On the 12th the controversy between the Beaver Lumber Company vs. R. F. Barker, will be heard.

LOCAL QUARRY READY

TO BEGIN OPERATIONS ON JULY SIXTH—WILL PUT ON MORE MEN SOON.

Overhauling Equipment Being Done By Montague-O'Reilly & Company This Week.

A half loaf is better than none—the quarry in operation with prospects for more is better than a complete shut-down. Montague-O'Reilly Company unloaded three large auto trucks at the local dock Monday evening which was brought up from points down the river and drove on to Portland, to be used by the company in hauling preparatory to commencing work on a section of the Canyon road in Multnomah county, which was awarded to them by the county commissioners.

The company has placed D. A. Hamilton, formerly of this city, in charge of their quarry north of town, and he put fourteen mechanics to work Monday, repairing the equipment of the three crushers, and on the 6th of July, will commence the crushing of stone to be used in the contract. Twenty-five men will be employed and contracts for a four months' steady run have been made, with perhaps the promise of more.

THIEVING GANG'S CACHE FOUND

Officers Think Arrest of Few Weeks Ago Put Stop to Trouble and Parties Made Their Get-Away.

Jack Appleton of Deer Island, notified Sheriff Stanwood late Saturday evening to come down the next morning, that one of his men had found something that would perhaps interest him. Early Sunday morning the sheriff donned his bowie knife and pistol and made his way thither, where he was taken for some distance down a cow path on the island and ushered off to one side through a dense undergrowth, suddenly coming upon what had evidently been a thieving band's cache and hiding place. The underbrush had been neatly arranged to resemble an old fashioned outdoor bake oven with a small hole for an entrance. A large wagon umbrella served as a protection over head. A number of articles, such as guns, clothing, canned goods, etc., were neatly stored away.

It is presumed by the sheriff that some arrests a few weeks ago put the "go" in the balance of the gang, as no thieving has been reported for the last two months, when the arrests were made, and until that time it had been a constant call to the officers by parties in the Deer Island section.

Sheriff Stanwood states that he has good clues since finding this den and intends to chase the guilty parties down.

MEMBERS ENTERTAINED

At a formal gathering Saturday evening, at the Masonic temple, the

COUNTY ROAD WORK

IS PROGRESSING NICELY—SEVERAL NEW CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN LET.

Portland Road Near Scappoose Being Repaired—Bachelor Flat Gets a Good Highway.

Among the other good things that are happening so thick and fast about us, we must not let the fact slip past that there is a network of road building taking place throughout the county from the north to the south, from the east to the west.

At many points along the Columbia Highway contractors have crews of men busy grading and leveling. Near Clatskanie large crews of local laborers are doing good work, and so on up to Goble Bluff, where another large force is working. At Delina, about two miles from Rainier, O. B. Bennett has a contract and is busy. G. T. Tarbell is assembling material on the Perry road. The Bachelor Flat road, when completed, will be one of the best stretches in the county and will connect the Warren and Bachelor Flat districts with their first good road.

A crusher is being set up ready for operations at Mist, where gravel will be used on two miles which was partially graded last year and finished this spring. This is known as the Mist-Clatskanie road on top of the mountain. Another crusher has just been set up on the Pittsburg cut-off, which is being rocked after being graded last year. This, when completed, will be three miles of fine road and with about one and three-quarters miles of the finest scenic thoroughfare in this section, the roadway this distance winding up the mountain side.

Screenings are being hauled with the county truck to Scappoose, which will be placed on the Portland road both north and south of the postoffice as fast as possible, and then oiled immediately, which should place this main highway in excellent shape.

In the Nehalem valley, on the Peable, Rock and Beaver creek roads, work is being done. On the Nehalem cut-off two steel bridges crossing the Nehalem river, are being constructed under contract.

On account of what the county court deemed excessive bids, they refused to award a bid for the construction of a steel bridge across the Clatskanie river at Clatskanie. Plans and specifications are now being made by the highway engineer for a wooden structure, with both concrete and tubular abutments.

On this road building every local laborer who has desired a position has been given work by the county judge.

gentlemen members of the Eastern Star entertained the lady members and a few friends in a royal manner.

A most pleasant evening was spent in social intercourse, intermingled with readings, vocal solos and short addresses, 110 people enjoying the

THE LAMB TIMBER CO.

HAVE STARTED WORK ON NEW LOGGING ROAD NEAR DEER ISLAND.

Rights-of-Way Secured

Operations to Be Pushed to Completion—Will Dredge Slough for Outlet to River.

Wars may come and wars may go, but Columbia county just keeps on prospering. Not for the past several years have prospects been so promising as they are today. With the building of the large five-masted vessel by the St. Helens Shipbuilding yards assured, which will employ some one hundred skilled mechanics, drawing salaries of from \$3.50 to \$10.00 per day, and the fact that the Montague-O'Reilly company has started operations at their stone quarry here to furnish stone for paving, with four months' work in sight to start with, and road work scattered throughout the county taking every available man, among the best is yet to be told. The Lamb Timber company have started work on their proposed logging road at Deer Island. This company's timber holdings in that vicinity consist of some four hundred million feet, which runs about fourteen miles west of Deer Island. Surveys have been completed for some weeks and rights-of-way have been purchased twelve miles back for the logging road and construction work has already started.

In order that the company may have an outlet to the Columbia river, R. C. Crowell, superintendent of construction, states that they will dredge the slough from Deer Island station to the river, making a channel one hundred feet wide and that a roll way of twelve hundred feet will be built.

A steel bridge eighty feet long will be erected over the S. P. & S. company's track a short distance west of Deer Island, and permits have been applied for to go under the Columbia Highway by cutting a twenty-five foot cut one mile west of the station. A "Y" will connect the logging road with the S. P. & S. tracks and the terminal at Deer Island.

festivities.

At 11 o'clock an invitation was extended to the guests to repair to the spacious dining hall, where ample justice was done to the feast of ice cream and cake that had been prepared for the satisfaction of the inner man.

Mr. John Philip was toastmaster, and handled the evening's program in a most masterful manner. Those who participated in the informal program were: Mrs. L. L. Baker, reading; Miss Elsie Philip, reading; Mrs. L. R. Rutherford, vocal solo; Rev. John Foster, impromptu speech; Mrs. C. C. Cassat, vocal solo.